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Items for the Daily Log - 29 June 1953

Legislative Counsel

1. The House Appropriations Committee has reported out the CIA budget with approximately a twenty percent cut in the substantive budget and no cut in the reserve. However, they have informed the Bureau of the Budget that no increases in personnel over the 1953 numbers are to be allowed. Mr. Sprankle handed me a copy of Mr. Taber's memorandum to Director Dodge of the Bureau of the Budget containing this limitation. Sprankle stated that in his opinion the budget presentation had been extremely confusing and had presented a hodge-podge of information which was further confused by the charts. He felt that the material in our presentation book was more helpful.

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* 2. In connection with the reopening of an [] it was determined that while it might ultimately be advisable to inform the Chief Clerks of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees regarding the project in order that they can forestall anti-Agency criticism, nevertheless, we would hold up notifying them until the project had developed further.

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3. Mr. Houston raised the question as to whether any congressional notification would be necessary or desirable in connection with the joint [] construction project overseas. The whole project is to be explored further by Mr. Houston.

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* 5. The Congress has approved and sent to the President a bill establishing a new Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. This Commission will be similar to the old Hoover Commission and will

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be composed of twelve members, four each to be appointed by the President, the Vice President, and the Speaker of the House, six of whom will be from private life, and two each from the Executive Branch, the Senate and the House. The Commission shall study the present organization and methods of operation of all Government agencies, with a comprehensive report to Congress by 31 December 1954. The Commission is authorized to secure any necessary information from any agency of the Government.

6. Senator Knowland has introduced S. Con. Res. 29 stating that it is the sense of the Congress that, if Communist China is admitted to the U. N., or its representatives are recognized as the representatives of the Republic of China in the U. N., the President should recall the United States representatives in the U. N. and effect the withdrawal of United States membership. Congressman Battle, author of the Battle Act, has submitted H. Res. 289 stating that it is the sense of the House that the Chinese Communist Government should not be admitted to the membership of the U. N. as the representative of China. Representative Gwinn of New York has submitted H. Con. Res. 121 stating that it is the sense of the Congress that Syngman Rhee is to be commended for freeing his own fellow nationals detained as prisoners, and that such prisoners themselves are to be commended for choosing freedom rather than slavery. All of these resolutions have been referred to DD/P for information. Only the Knowland Resolution may become active. It was introduced after the withdrawal of a rider which would have made such action mandatory.

* 7. The House Appropriations Committee has approved the extra \$65,000 requested for the National Security Council. Their report specifically recognizes the increased importance of the work and responsibility of NSC, and states the belief that this slight increase "will more than justify itself by enabling the Council to provide more accurate and more comprehensive evaluations of our position in the world, both military and economic, so that we may more intelligently plan for the future."

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